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Dear Christine

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 2006 regarding the Gas Industry Company's (GIC) recent review of the specification for reticulated natural gas.

I am pleased to see that the GIC has conducted an investigation into this matter and has determined that the current specification provides an appropriate compromise between the diverse needs of participants across the supply chain. In particular, your finding that the current specification is adequate for the gas from new fields that will come on stream is welcome. I support your suggestion to conduct further periodic reviews to ensure that the specification remains adequate.

Yours sincerely

David Parker
MINISTER OF ENERGY